

Science Toolkit: Grade 4 Objective 2.A.2.b

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Standard 2.0 Earth/Space Science

Topic A. Materials and Processes That Shape A Planet

Indicator 2. Recognize and explain how physical weathering and erosion cause changes to the earth's surface.

Objective b. Cite evidence to show that erosion shapes and reshapes the earth's surface as it moves from one location to another.

Water

Ice

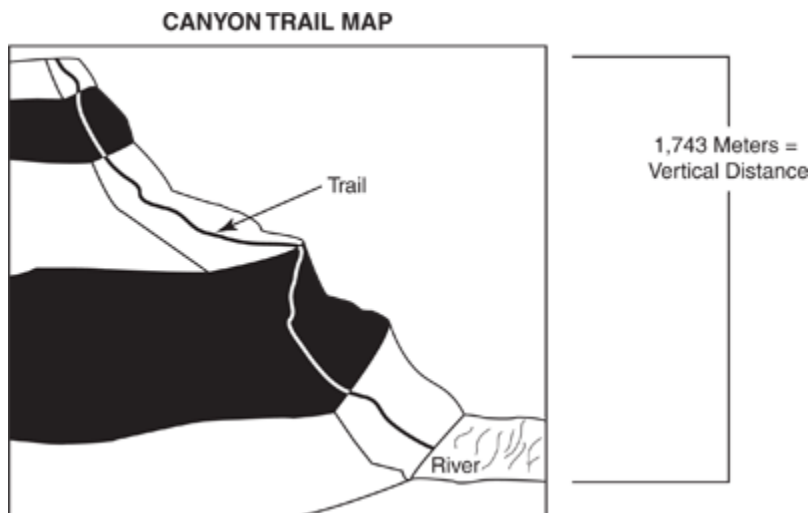
Wind

Selected Response (SR) Item

Question

Use the information below to answer the following question.

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What process is most responsible for the depth of the canyon?

- A. One large flood moved the rock layers.
- B. Hot magma melted a path through the rock layers.
- C. Many strong tornadoes eroded the rock layers over time.
- D. Flowing water eroded the rock layers slowly over many years.

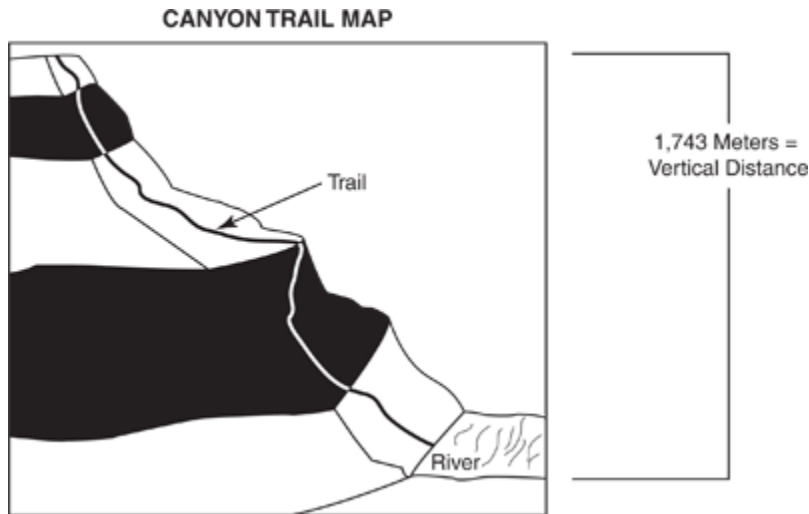
Correct Answer

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